# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4161
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EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item `Foodgrains for export but not for the Poor` appearing in the Hindu dated November 3, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps propose to be taken by the Government for offering huge stocks of foodgrains at reasonable rates to the vast millions of people below the poverty lines?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI CHAUHAN )

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) Government has decided to export wheat from the surplus stocks available with it. Wheat will be made available by FCI for export at a price not lower than the CIP for BPL category, i.e. Rs.4150 per MT.

(d) In view of the comfortable stock position of foodgrains, Governmenthas considered various proposals and decided to allocate foodgrains under TPDS for BPL families on the basis of projected population as on 1.3.2000,instead of the present base of 1995 population under TPDS. The Government has also decided to give foodgrains at BPL rates
(i) for welfare institutions catering to the needs of destitute men, women and children at the rate of 5 kg. per head per month and
(ii) for all welfare schemes of Govt. of India including the `Food for Work` programme.